

House File 188 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for foster care provided by an
2 individual in a single-family home facility.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 237.3, subsection 1, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Except as otherwise provided by subsections 3 and 4,
4 the administrator shall promulgate, after their adoption by
5 the council on human services, and enforce in accordance with
6 chapter 17A, administrative rules necessary to implement this
7 chapter. Formulation of the rules shall include consultation
8 with representatives of child foster care providers, and other
9 persons affected by this chapter. The rules shall encourage
10 the provision of child foster care in a single-family, home
11 environment, exempting the single-family, home facility from
12 inappropriate rules. The rules applicable to window egress in
13 a facility which is a single-family home in which the child
14 foster care is provided by an individual shall not apply
15 standards in excess of those to which the home is subject under
16 the state or local building code for a single-family home
17 without foster care children.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill relates to requirements for foster care provided
20 by an individual in a single-family home facility.

21 Current law in Code section 237.3, relating to
22 administrative rules adopted by the department of human
23 services for child foster care, directs the department
24 to encourage the provision of child foster care in a
25 single-family, home environment, exempting the single-family,
26 home facility from inappropriate rules.

27 The bill amends Code section 237.3 to provide that the
28 rules applicable to window egress of a facility which is a
29 single-family home in which the child foster care is provided
30 by an individual cannot apply standards in excess of those
31 under the state or local building code applicable if child
32 foster care was not provided in the single-family home.